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**RILEY ON "THE SPHINX"**  
Michael Monahan's Magazine, The Phoenix, for March, has this, by James Whitcomb Riley, on "The Sphinx."  
"I know all about the Sphinx—I even know what she thinks. Starting with her stony eyes Up forever at the skies.  
"For last night I dreamed that she Told me all the mystery— Why for aeons mute she sat— She was just cut out for that!"

**SENATORIAL SMART, ALECKS**

If reports are true some senators, Borah among them, are showing themselves of small calibre in their criticisms of President Wilson. Their plan is to "make sport" of the president on the ground he has changed his attitude on certain questions. They seem to have no consideration for the fact that changed conditions have demanded such action by the man in the White House. Changes of front were also necessary in Lincoln's time and Lincoln was big enough to amend his views when altered conditions demanded. There is no sincerity in those who carp at Wilson on this score. It is the work of little men—politicians, not states-

men—who think they can make a hit by playing the smart aleck at a time when there should be no patience with fellows of that calibre.

**IT IS OUR ONLY CHANCE**

THE Portland school board, the Oregon City school board and the Corvallis board and boards in other western Oregon towns have wired to the senators and representatives at Washington urging them to fight for 40 per cent of the grant land money for the school fund.

If school boards in western Oregon can do that there is double reason why school boards in eastern Oregon should be busy. The western Oregon counties will get their road money from the fund even if there is nothing for the school fund. Eastern Oregon has no chance for any road money. Our only hope is in getting money for the irreducible school fund.

School boards in this part of the state should be extremely busy in the matter. The issue at stake involves a matter of \$18,000,000 for the common schools of the state. It is something worth striving hard to obtain and the situation in congress is such that messages from organizations and people "back home" will be effective. All the members of our delegation are not in line on the subject and those who are working for the school fund are hampered to some extent by the fact there are forces working to turn the money to purposes other than the support of the schools.

**THE 7TH CAVALRY HAS AN OLD SCORE TO SETTLE**

CONSPICUOUS in the fighting with the Villa forces on Wednesday were the troopers of the Seventh cavalry. Killing 30 of the brigands and driving the remainder into headlong flight they took partial vengeance for Villa's raid on Columbus, a peaceful American village. Good for Colonel Dodd and

his brave cavalymen. Every loyal American will rejoice that in this first brush with the foe our troopers were victorious. Years of peace do not spoil the fighting powers of the American soldier.

The Seventh Cavalry's part in the fight recalls the fatal 25th of June 1876 when five troops of that famous regiment rode with Custer into the valley of the Little Big Horn and none came back to tell the story of their desperate fight with the Sioux. The fate of those brave men will ever be remembered by the nation and particularly so by the men who wear the insignia of Custer's old command. The Seventh Cavalry has an old score to settle. May they take it out on Villa and charge their full 40 years of compound interest.

**WE MIGHT DELAY THE DAWN**

SP EAKING at a preparedness gathering in Spokane Judge George H. Turner, ex-United States senator, declared that when the war is over the strength of the Monroe doctrine will depend upon the strength of the United States navy.

There is much truth in that declaration. The world is not following the golden rule on all occasions. Civilization is often but a veneer which nations cast aside when self-interest commands. The European war has proven this many times over and the injustice is not all on one side, by any means.

Our own history impresses the same lesson upon us. When this country was torn with civil war our wishes were not respected abroad. Even the French, our revolutionary friends, trampled rough shod over the Monroe doctrine when they set Maximilian on the throne of Mexico. They did not get out until the civil war was over and the United States had a formidable army ready to put them out if necessary.

What the future may bring in the way of international disarmament cannot easily be foretold. It is a dream that

will some day come true—hasen the day. But the realization of that dream may be far distant. For this country to anticipate that time too much would be a serious blunder. By our own action we might delay, not quicken the dawn of that better era.

Whatever our needs may be with reference to a greater army no thoughtful citizen cognizant of world conditions as they exist in reality, not in theory, can question the necessity of a more powerful navy.

The increase of wages granted O-W. R. & N. conductors and brakemen has a flavor of prosperity; likewise the announcement the road is to spend several millions on line improvements.

Villa has already learned it is no child play when the "gringos" get upon his trail.

The federal building will also be a structure of some quality.

Our army may be small but it carries a punch when it strikes.

**THIS MAY ENTERTAIN**

Quite Appropriate.  
Said she—Isn't that a duck of a bonnet Dr. Cubebe's wife has on?  
Said he—Yes, and it's very appropriate.  
Said she—How so?  
Said he—Her husband is a "quack."

**AN INSPIRATION.**

The kindly old squire was giving a little treat to the village school children. After tea he stepped onto the platform and announced, with a beaming smile:  
"Now, I am going to perform certain actions, and you must guess what proverb they represent. The boy or girl who succeeds first will receive a shilling."  
That did it. Instantly every eye was fixed on him.  
First of all the old gentleman lay down and two men tried in vain to lift him. Two others came to his aid and between them they raised the squire, who was rather portly.  
The actions were meant to represent the motto "Union is strength." When they had finished the squire stepped forward and asked if any child had solved the puzzle.

At once a grubby hand shot up and an eager voice squealed: "Let sleeping dogs lie."

**CO-EDS STOP FIGHT AT ALBANY COLLEGE**

ALBANY, Ore., April 1.—Howard Speer and F. A. Jensen, two Albany college students, bear scars as the result of a fist fight between them in chapel on Wednesday, and but for four co-eds they would probably bear worse scars, for girls separated them. The fight was over a difference be-

tween Speer and Jensen arising during the football season. Chapel had just been dismissed for the noon period, when the students mixed. Only four girls and one other boy student were witnesses.

**Publicity Vs. Advertising.**

There is a distinction between advertising and publicity. Dr. E. R. Haslop has been carrying on a strenuous publicity campaign, but could not possibly be classified as an advertising doctor, for publicity is strictly in accordance with the ethics of his profession. Since Osteopathy is

a new and growing science the public should know what it is, how it operates and what it does. Dr. Haslop has not dealt with the "personal" but has explained the truths of Osteopathy.

**Chinese Win Victories.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—New victories have been won by the Chinese revolutionists according to a cable received by the Chinese Republic association. The message said the rebels had taken complete possession of Kwong, Cantonese state and slain the imperial governor.

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